vernment, and that little, darkly. We must wait till the consummation of all things, in order to form any consistent opinion; and then how amazing will the plan appear, when the whole shall be laid before us!

In the case of Joseph, it has pleased God to discover his own purpose, and the very remarkable steps, by which that purpose was effected. His aim, from the beginning, was to exalt Joseph; and this would have been easy for him in a thousand ways. But he chooses, for the display of his own glory, to make the very opposition of his enemies the means of accomplishing his will; and thus he proves, that "there is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the Lord."

We are hereby also instructed, that matters of the highest importance both to ourselves and to all the world may take their rise from circumstan-

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